

Health and Social Care introduces students to the knowledge and skills needed to work in a variety of care settings; many of which are today's key workers and our heroes in the current pandemic. Studying Health & Social Care will give you a wide range of possibilities for your future career destination across health, social care and early years settings.

Health Data Scientist

Health data science is a rapidly emerging sector, offering rewarding careers at the forefront of medical and healthcare research. With more and more data being collected about patients, it's essential to have people who can interpret this. By using data analysis skills when you study Health & Social Care, it helps students to interpret the information that's collected and allow them to make their own conclusions.

Performance Sports Scientist

You could work with elite sports professionals, or in research, healthcare or industry. Your day to day tasks will depend on the type of organisation you work for. Some Sports Scientists will help sports coaches and sports therapists to improve individual and team performance. Some may work with doctors to help people improve their patient's health through exercise and fitness. You will also look at ways that health and fitness can be used to prevent or treat medical conditions like diabetes, heart conditions or cancer. An essential skill related to this career is the ability to take part in research projects and offer advice on the design and manufacture of sports equipment.



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HEALTH &
SOCIAL CARE

5 work skills that Health & Social Care will give you:



Independence

People working in Health & Social Care usually have a manager to report to, the role of attending to people's needs is largely independent. You'll often need to assess situations and make decisions by yourself. If you have the ability to think ahead and plan your own tasks. This places you in good stead for a rewarding career in this sector.



Resilience

Some difficulties you may face in the Health and Social Care work place, could be high-pressure unpredictable shift work, long hours, challenging clients and stress from juggling multiple tasks. Without high resilience, you're more likely to feel burned out and that is when mistakes are more likely to happen. This can be detrimental to the provision of care services.



Flexibility

Being flexible in your approach to dealing with situations will be hugely beneficial to you and your patient.



Communication

Care workers regularly encounter individuals from varied backgrounds with diverse health issues. This may impair their ability to communicate. You must be able to interact clearly with clients, who may have individual needs. You must assist with effective working practices. Also ensure that clients receive a standardised level of care.



Respect

A key quality for anyone working in Health and Social Care is to be respectful to your clients. Every person working in the sector should recognise that each client is an individual with their own needs and requirements. Having respect will build a rapport and connection with your client.

Where can Health & Social Care take you:

Jobs directly related to Health and Social Care:

- Care Worker
- Personal Assistant
- Social Worker
- Occupational Therapist
- Rehabilitation Worker
- Counsellor
- Health Psychologist
- Health Visitor
- Support Worker
- Paramedic
- Medical Research
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Healthcare Assistant
- Midwife
- Surgeon
- Osteopath
- Radiographer
- Therapist
- Podiatrist
- Doctor
- Nurse
- Home Care Assistant

Jobs where Health and Social Care is useful:

- Dietician
- Nutritionist
- Child Protection Officer
- Family Support Worker
- British Sign Language
- Interpreter
- Early Years Practitioner
- Primary School Teacher
- Play Therapist
- Special Educational Needs
- Coordinator

Future of Job Facts:



Education

Primary school and nursery teachers have one of the highest rates of job satisfaction in the UK. There are more than **450,000** teachers working across the UK.



Public Sector

The public sector - which includes NHS hospitals, state schools, local councils and the police - employs more than **five million** people across the UK. That's over 17% of the workforce.



Social Care

Social workers, care workers and other social care professionals help vulnerable children and adults in a vast industry which employs over **1.8 million** people across the UK.



Science & Research

Between 2016 and 2021, jobs in science and research have grown at twice the rate of other industries, creating **142,000** new jobs. One in every six jobs of the future will be in science and research.



Emergency Services

The manufacturing sector employs around **three million** people and accounts for 9% of employment in the UK. That's a lot of jobs!



Medicine & Healthcare

The UK healthcare industry employs over **four million** people, making it one of the largest employment sectors. Four of the five highest average graduate salaries are in fields related to medicine.